1   **INFORMATION EXTRACTION SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING**

2   **APPARATUS, INFORMATION COLLECTION APPARATUS, CHARACTER STRING**

3   **EXTRACTION METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM**

4   Abstract

5   The present invention permits users to obtain detailed

6   information concerning those portions of web contents in which

7   they are most interested and provides an information extraction

8   system. In an embodiment, the information extraction system

9   comprises a server and a client, connected via a communication

10   network, wherein the server provides a data file for a client

11   to browse; and wherein the client includes a browser for

12   displaying the contents of the data file that is received from

13   the server via the communication network, an operation event

14   detection analyzer for detecting a predetermined specific

15   operation based on a user's operation when the user reads the

16   contents of the data file displayed by the browser, and a text

17   extractor for extracting information that is displayed at a

18   location whereat the specific operation that is detected by the

19   operation event analyzer is performed on a display screen of

20   the browser.

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